

Required Courses and Credits

English/ Language Arts	8 credits
	Including literature, composition and speech.
Mathematics	6-8 credits (in grades 9-12)
	Math courses and sequence determined by students' chosen college and career pathway <small>NOTE: Students in a STEM pathway (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) should complete 8 credits that include Algebra II and Calculus/Pre-Calculus. Prospective four-year college students and two-year college students who plan to transfer to a four-year college should complete 8 math credits that include 2 credits beyond Algebra II.</small>
Science	6 credits
	2 credits: Life Science (Biology I or equivalent) 2 credits: Physical Science (Chemistry I, Physics I, Integrated Chemistry-Physics or equivalent) 2 credits: Environmental Science (Earth/Space Science or equivalent) <small>NOTE: Students in a STEM pathway are encouraged to complete 8 credits in science courses that include a laboratory component.</small>
Social Studies	6 credits
	2 credits: U.S. History 2 credits: World History/Civilization or Geography/History of the World 1 credit: U.S. Government 1 credit: Economics
Arts & Culture	4 credits
	Fine Arts World Languages
College & Career Readiness	2 credits
	1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers 1 credit: Personal Financial Responsibility OR Service- or Work-Based Learning <small>Delivered in-school or via local out-of-school provider (state-approved)</small>
Health & Wellness	2 credits
	1 credit: Physical Education 1 credit: Health & Wellness
Electives	4 credits
	Courses aligned with college and career pathway recommended

40 Total State Credits Required

Recommended College & Career Pathways

In addition to completing the 40 credits required for the standard Core 40 diploma, students are encouraged to complete one of the following pathways in alignment with their career aspirations and the corresponding education required beyond high school.

Four-Year College Bachelor's Degree	8 additional credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Core 40 courses in English/language arts, math, science, social studies and/or world languages OR Advanced Placement, Dual Credit or International Baccalaureate courses <small>NOTE: Prospective four-year college students should complete at least 4 credits in the same world language.</small>
Two-Year College Associate Degree or One-Year Certificate	6-8 additional credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Core 40 courses in English/language arts, math, science, social studies and/or world languages OR Advanced Placement, Dual Credit or International Baccalaureate courses OR Career & Technical Education courses <small>NOTE: Prospective two-year college students who plan to transfer to a four-year college are encouraged to complete the four-year college pathway.</small>
Military Enlistment or Workforce Entry	6-8 additional credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career & Technical Education courses OR Industry-Recognized Certification (<i>state approved</i>)

INDIANA CORE40 Diploma with Honors (*minimum 48 credits*)

To earn the **Core 40 Diploma with Honors** distinction, students must complete all credit requirements for the standard Core 40 diploma plus each of the following:

- 1) Minimum 8 additional credits in a designated college and career pathway
- 2) A minimum score on one of the following assessments:
 - **ACT:** 26 or higher composite score
 - **SAT:** 1190 or higher (combined critical reading and math)
- 3) Cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of a "B" or better